

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (previously presented) An air vent comprising a frame, a plurality of vanes that are pivotally arranged around a first axis, and at least one coupling element with which each of said vanes is coupled, said coupling element being capable of being adjusted relative to said first axis between a neutral position in which said vanes are parallel to each other, and a comfort position in which at least some of said vanes are swiveled in directions opposite each other,

said coupling element being pivotally coupled with said vanes by means of a slotted link guide, said slotted link guide consisting of a slotted link in said coupling element and a pin provided on said corresponding vane and engaging said slotted link,

said slotted link being associated with a neutral vane extending in a straight line and wherein an intermediate vane and an outer vane are provided on either side of said neutral vane, said slotted link associated with said outer vane being more strongly inclined relative to said neutral vane than said slotted link associated with said intermediate vane.

Claim 24 (previously presented) The air vent according to Claim 34, wherein said vanes are arranged so as to spread out fan-like in said comfort position so that a diverging air flow is generated.

Claim 25 (previously presented) The air vent according to Claim 34, wherein a sliding guide is provided by means of which said coupling element is mounted so that said coupling element can slide on said frame.

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 34, wherein said coupling element can be adjusted in a translational direction.

Claim 28 (currently amended) An air vent comprising a frame, a plurality of pivotal vanes mounted in said frame, and ~~that are pivotally arranged around a first axis, and at least one a single~~ coupling element ~~with which each of said vanes is coupled, said coupling element~~ for coupling all of said vanes, and being capable of being adjusted relative to said ~~first axis~~ vanes between a neutral position in which said vanes are parallel to each other, and a comfort position in which at least some of said vanes are swiveled by said single coupling element in directions opposite each other, and

at least one return spring is provided that biases said coupling element into said neutral position.

Claim 29 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 28, wherein said return spring acts between said coupling element and said frame.

Claim 30 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 28, wherein said return spring acts between said coupling element and one of said vanes.

Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 37, wherein said actuation element is provided with a push-button that is accessible from outside of said air vent.

Claim 33 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 37, wherein a latching mechanism is provided that can hold said actuation element in a pushed-in position so that said coupling element remains in said comfort position until a subsequent actuation.

Claim 34 (currently amended) An air vent comprising a frame, a plurality of vanes that are pivotally arranged around a first axis, and at least one coupling element with which each of said vanes is coupled, said coupling element being capable of being adjusted relative to said first axis between a neutral position in which said vanes are parallel to each other, and a comfort position in which at least some of said vanes are swiveled in directions opposite each other,

a second coupling element being provided that is mounted to slide on said frame and on which said vanes are arranged to pivot around said first axis.

Claim 35 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 34, wherein said second coupling element slides in a direction perpendicular to a sliding direction of said first coupling element.

Claim 36 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 34, further including an actuation element on said frame, said actuation element interacting with said coupling element and defining a structure separate from said coupling element.

Claim 37 (previously presented) The air vent according to Claim 34, wherein said coupling element is connected to at least one of said vanes by means of a coupling rod.

Claim 38 (previously presented) The air vent according to claim 34, wherein said coupling element is connected to at least one of said vanes by means of a coupling rod.

Claim 39 (previously presented) The air vent according to Claim 38, wherein at least one neutral vane is provided that is connected to said coupling element by a straight-line slotted link guide, and wherein an intermediate vane and an outer vane are provided on either side of said neutral vane, said intermediate and outer vanes being connected to said coupling element by at least one coupling rod.

Claim 40 (previously presented)      The air vent according to Claim 39, wherein said outer vanes and said intermediate vanes are each connected to said coupling element by a coupling rod and wherein said two coupling rods of an outer vane and of an adjacent intermediate vane are mounted on a common pin on said coupling element.

Claim 41 (previously presented)      The air vent according to Claim 40, wherein said common pin on which said coupling rods are mounted, as seen from said neutral vane, lies further outside than the respective outer vane, and wherein said coupling rod associated with said outer vane together with a direction defined by said straight-line slotted link guide encloses a smaller angle than with said coupling rod associated with an adjacent intermediate vane.

Claim 42 (previously presented)      The air vent according to Claim 39, wherein said outer vanes and said adjacent intermediate vanes are connected to each other by a connection member, and said coupling rod engaging said connection member.

Claim 43 (previously presented)      The air vent according to Claim 39, wherein two neutral vanes are provided which are connected to each other by a connection member, and wherein said connection member is connected to said coupling element by means of said slotted link guide.